

# PEOPLE IN THE PROGRAMMES



Spencer Digby photograph

## Bon Voyage

AT the end of this month, Peter Cooper (seen above), a Christchurch pianist whose reputation has grown steadily over the past few years, will leave for Australia to search for fame and fortune in wider fields. When he leaves, he will have given 15 recitals since last September—and that is not a bad total for a young artist. During his present tour of New Zealand, Mr. Cooper has broadcast from the four main national stations and has made many admirers among music lovers by the artistry of his playing.

His accomplishments include successes in competitions at Wellington, Christchurch, Ashburton and Dunedin. Biggest triumph of all, however, was his gaining of a scholarship for the Royal Academy of Music.

Whenever you talk to him about his music, Peter Cooper will tell you how grateful he is to his old master, Alfred Bunz, of Christchurch, and to other friends who have helped him with concerts.

And now that he has decided to seek success in another land, his many friends known and unknown among the radio audience will wish him *bon voyage*.



VALDA McCURDY will be singing from 4YA at 8.10 and 8.46 p.m. on Tuesday, July 2. Miss McCurdy is a well-known Dunedin singer. She has taken soprano solos in concert versions of light operas such as "Maritana," "Tom Jones," "Merrie England," and the "Rebel Maid." She has also had numerous successes at Dunedin Competitions and has sung for the Orchestral and Philharmonic Societies and the Returned Soldiers' Choir.

## Talks for Women

HAZEL DUGGAN who has begun a new series of topical talks for women from 4YA, brings to radio listeners an up-to-the-moment understanding of present-day problems. She hails



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from Hawke's Bay, but is well known throughout New Zealand, especially to listeners of 3ZR Greymouth, where for two years she was known and appreciated by young and old as "Aunt Doss." A capable writer and interesting speaker, either on the platform or before the microphone, she brings to the housewife and to women in general an understanding of present-day problems gained during many years of social work in several parts of the Dominion. Her next talk will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 3.

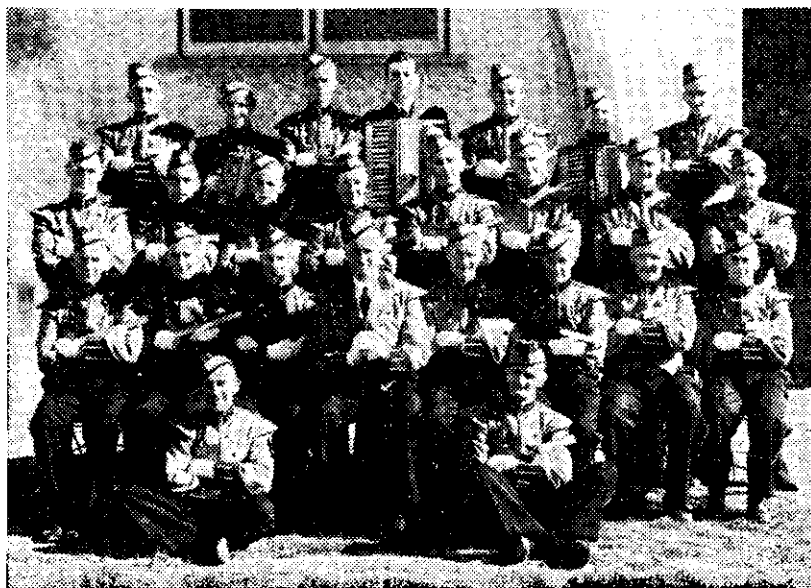
## Soldiers and Singers

L. B. BORROW is conductor of the Dunedin Returned Soldiers' Choir, whose latest performance from 4YA was given on Monday, June 24. More than 80 public performances have been



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given by this choir since its formation by a small band of enthusiasts in 1919. With the exception of the pianist (Sybil Baker) it consists solely of men who served overseas. Many of the original members are among the 45 active choristers now. Its repertoire is large, for the Choir's library includes about 160 different part songs, glees, choruses, cantatas, and so on. Mr. Borrow is the third of the Choir's conductors. He followed John T. Leech, who resigned in 1938. First conductor was W. Paget.



THE PORT CHALMERS HARMONICA BAND will play from 4YA at 8.54 and 9.15 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3. Although the combination is only three years old, Mr. Matson, the conductor, has made a great success of his band. He has 24 players, all using chromatic organs. The fourteen-inch instruments seen on the left in the photograph can be played by blowing only. No sound comes with drawing. Also among the instruments are "Vineta Vampers," and Single and Double Bases. The band's uniform is of red, blue, and gold. The Band has recently affiliated with the New Zealand Harmonica Bands' Association.



## Well Known in Christchurch

WINNING a Centennial Queen Carnival in Christchurch recently is but one of the achievements of Jean Scrimshaw (above) who sang from 3YA earlier this month. Both she and her husband (Leslie Scrimshaw) are well-known soloists in Christchurch and throughout New Zealand, and she was Gold Medallist in the Wellington Competitions in 1936. As a member of the Christchurch Operatic Society, Mrs. Scrimshaw has played in "Paul Jones," "The Country Girl," "The Toreador," and "Our Miss Gibbs"; and as a worker for many charities she has frequently organised successful concerts in Christchurch. In New Brighton, where her home is, she has a "Children's Choir."



GEORGE H. BRIDGES is a promising young Dunedin bass who has spent all his life in the southern city. He studied voice production in Dunedin and achieved some successes at the Dunedin competitions in vocal solos and a male quartet. He is interested in choir work and was a member of the Dunedin Choral Society while still in his teens. He is a member of the Dunedin Orphans' Club. He is to broadcast from 4YA on Saturday, July 6, at 8.28 p.m. His first broadcast from 4YA was given about two years ago.